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## **AMENDMENT**

Box Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PAPER IS BEING SENT BY U.S. MAIL, FIRST CLASS, TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231, THIS

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PATENT ATTORNEY

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed on December 5, 2002. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 15.

Please amend claims 2 and 16 as follows:

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2. Fourth Amended) A glide test system combination comprising:

a glide body including a leading edge, a trailing edge and a raised bearing surface; and

at least one thermal transducer formed on the raised bearing surface having a surface portion extending along a portion of the raised bearing surface and a thickness portion intersecting the surface portion extending along the portion of the raised bearing surface to form a glide interface to detect asperities.